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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: : SENTHIL K. VISWANATHAN, ET AL.  
Serial No. : 09/276,346  
Filed : March 25, 1999  
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS TO PROVIDE FACILITY AND  
MODULE REDUNDANCY IN TELECOMMUNICATION  
SWITCHING EQUIPMENT  
Group No. : 2664  
Examiner : C. T. Ho

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

This Amendment responds to an Office Action dated March 31, 2003, in the above-referenced patent application and has a shortened statutory period of response set to expire on June 30, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time is being submitted herewith to extend the shortened statutory period of response by two months to August 31, 2003. Since August 31, 2003 is a Sunday and September 1, 2003 is a federal holiday (Labor Day), the shortened statutory period of response will be extended to Tuesday, September 2, 2003.

Applicants also submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal form. Please amend the Application as shown below.